FAVORABLE COMMENT

On the Many Steps for Economy De manded by Stanley—Anti-Pase Law Certain of Adoption-"Extra Help" Provided by Regular Employes.

Frankfort, Ky., January 10 .- The opening of the second week of the 1916 session of the Kentucky General Assembly was begun today by the naming of the various commit-tees by Lieut. Gov. Black, who pre-sides over the Senate, and Speaker H. C. Duffy, who occupies the chair in the House of Representatives.

The comment on Governor Stanley's edict for economy is said to be senerally favorable, although the G. O. P. papers profess a disbellet in the vows, and they point to the plan of sending out copies of his message to the Legislature as the first breach of the promise for economy, although this entire expenditure will not entail an expense of more than a hun-

Last week marked the organization of the House and Senate of what promises to be the most business-like session ever held by a Kentucky Leg-

The administration is absolutely in control and Stanley's pre-election promise that he would do away with the "invisible government" seems to be already carried out.

Never before has such harmony prevailed in the Democratic ranks of the "Corn-Cracker" State. The former enormous expenditures for "extra help" has been entirely done away with, and the constitution will \$200 per day which has been spent by every previous Legislature in the memory of present politicians.

Scores of stenographers, assistant cloakroom keepers, pages and others who came to Frankfort last week expecting to be placed on the State's payroll have gone back home.

The extra help will be provided for by the regular employes of the capitol "helping out." "Provide a way for raising funds

part of the message of Governor Stanley, and this has caused a general revision of some plans various representatives had "up their sleeves."

Tuesday will be first bill day, and among the most important legislation to be looked after during this session will be that looking toward the revision of the Kentucky tax system.

The anti-pass law seems certain of passage at an early date. Representative Meyers, of Covington, who dur tag the last Legislature openly admitted that he rode on railroad passes, declared this week to Governor Stanley that he will support the measure. He now believes that county officials and the like should pay their rail Duffy as Assistant Attorney-General road fares the same as any one else. meets with general approval. He halls

It is said that the railroads, while not objecting to certain restrictions. are much opposed to a law patterned ber of the last Legislature and has after the interstate bill. Newspaper also held the position of County Attormen who have enjoyed the privilege ney and several other offices. At one f using railroad passes may object to them being included in the bill. the Second District, but later with-Just what provision can be made in this respect has not been suggested as yet. Many of them favor the breader bill desired by the railroad

Marked impressious have been made upon the public by the expressions of Governor Stanley favoring the passage of a corrupt practice act and auti-lobby measure.

There has been quite a stir during the past week over the matter of state printing. Democratic members have introduced resolutions calling for an investigation to find ways and printing bills, which it is claimed by one member can be done for a hun-

fred thousand dollars a year less. Senator H. M. Brock, the Repub-Senator H. M. Brock, the Republered upon Representative O'Brien, Hean leader in the upper branch, has of the Falls City, is well deserved. He introduced a resolution calling for an is serving his second term as a repinvestigation of the printing bills since the last Legislature. This has set the tongues of gossip all over the state to wagging. The state printing sembly it is believed that the West-contract is now held by Graham Vree-land and James Newman. land and James Newman, owners of the State Journal at Frankfort, who eral members are already expressing declare they have received no more than a fair profit on their work.

The election of W. J. Gooch, of Franklin, as Secretary of the Ken- Green. tucky State Fair seems to have given eminent satisfaction all over the state. He succeeds James L. Dent. Kentucky with reference to the bill of Leitchfield. Gooch was former proposed for a health officer in each eaker of the House, and also had charge of the speakers in the Stanley campaign for the nomination. Until the withdrawal of Henry Hardin Cherry, of Bowling Green, in the Governor's race for nomination, he was ed will have a good chance for passsager of Cherry's campaign.

STEPS TO PROBE meeting of the sportessy of Kentucky to be held in Frankfort Wed. needay for the purpose of discussing new legislation for the benefit of the cause. Many hunters and fishermen from all parts of the state are expected to attend the meeting.

> Colonel Jim Frank Taylor, of Glas-gow, has declared that he will be a candidate for Congress from the Third District, via the Republican nomina-

> Alvin Steger, who was defeated for Clerk of the Court of Appeals by Rod-man W. Keenon, has been appointed assistant to Nat B. Sewell, State Inspector and Examiner. This came to the Owenton man after Sewell had a conference with Governor Stanley. He succeeds Lawrence White, now Assistant State Treasurer.

James P. Lewis, Secretary of State, agreed to retain Charles J. Howes, Democrat, as assistant Secretary of State, if Stanley will provide a place for William Dingus, of Prestonburg. Republican, whom Lewis had first an-nounced as his assistant Secretary of last week because Stanley had refused to permit Dingus to take the position owing to the fact that he would be custodian of the records. The Governor has the matter under consideration but has not signified just what he will do. It is understood that Stanley it would only bring on more trouble." will make no compromise, considering Howes as safe in the position. In the meantime, the numerous duties of the Assistant Secretary of State are being looked after by Miss Minnie Mahler, secretary of the Governor.

Should Barksdale Hamlett, who is contesting the election of Lewis, win out, it would clear the matter, as Hamlett has already stated that he would retain Howes.

A majority of the Kentucky Congressional Delegation will call upon President Wilson this week to urge Judge J. M. Benton, of Winchester, as a member of the United States Supreme Court.

Without any authority whatsoesver, in the opinion of Atdorney-General M. be strictly adhered to in every re M. Logan and Special Assistant John spect, thus, without the State about C. Duffy, member of the last General Assembly and resident of Hopkinsville, the Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, of which Mrs. Cora Wilson Stew artfl of Morehead, is the head and guiding genius, has drawn from the state treasurer since July, 1914, the sum of \$1,485.82.

A communication was addressed to Auditor Robt. L. Greene, in which his attention was called to the fact that while the last Legislature provided for the Commission, it did not carry with on any bills you introduce" was a it any appropriation for the maintenance of the work and advised him not to honor any more warrants on the state's treasurer unless the present Legislature provided the funds.

Mention was made of the worthy work carried on by the Commission. but since it is illegal to draw any funds for expenses, this part of it will be carried into effect.

Special Assistant Attorney-General John C. Duffy is also at work in an effort to recover penalties on back taxes and believes that his efforts in this direction will add \$5,000 annually to the State Treasury.

Governor Stanley's selection of Mr. from which he has served as a memtime he announced for Congress from drew. It is believed that he will oppose Dave Kincheloe, present Congressman from the Second District, for re-election in 1917.

It has been decided to hold the State Republican Convention about March lat, and it is said to be certain that Edwin P. Morrow will be named as delegate-at-large from Kentucky by acclamation. A number of prominent Republicans gathered this week and discussed the matter.

The choice berth in points of committee appointments at the disposal of Speaker H. C. Duffy went to S. M. seans of reducing the cost of the O'Brien, of Louisville, as ranking printing bills, which it is claimed by member of the House Committee on

It is said that the distinction con-

resentative from the Sixth District. ern Kentucky State Normal School will be well provided for, and sevthemselves as favoring a further development of that institution which sheriff took him to Louisville yesterhas been so ably managed by President Henry Hardin Cherry at Bowling

Much has been said throughou county to devote his entire time to the work at an annual salary based

on ten cents per capita.

This bill has the united support of the medical profession, and it is claimage, although there is strong opposi-

call has been issued by Executive During the last session the bill page-int J. Quincy Ward, of the State of the House and was barely defeated no and Fish Commission, for a in the Senate,

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The old intriguer felt baffled and at

sea. He had grown accustomed to

weighing and calculating with guileful

deliberation. He balked at swift and

impulsive action. Moreover, if he de-

bated long, he might not be able to

control his men. He looked up-to

see little Milt, who was fighting back

the crowd at the door and locking

them out. Beyond the panels could

be heard loud swearing and the impa-

"What shall we do, son?" inquired

the older man of the younger. His

voice had a note of appeal and break-

ing power.
When Young Milt had ridden out

of Peril no feudist in the hills had

borne a heart fuller of hatred and

hunger for vengeance, but that was

because of his father. Now his father

was free. For Luke Thixton he had

a profound contempt. He saw in the

situation only a game of wits in which

"Well," he replied with a grin he

could not repress, "hit looks right

smart ter me like thar hain't nothin'

to do but ride on back home an' try

That counsel in the end prevailed.

Outside there had been a short, sharp

struggle with a mutinous spirit. These

men had come for action and they did

not want to ride back foiled, but the

word of Old Milt had stood unchal-

lenged too long to fall now. Yet he

led back a grumbling following and

pore a tacounted power. They could

not forget that... "Isvey had worsted

So the spirit of the men who had

come to fight vented itself in the yell and the random shots to which there

was no reply, and again a train of

When it was all over and Juanita

sat there in her ompty school she was

realizing that, after all, the desperate

moment had only been deferred and

must come with absolute certainty.

Christmas was only two days off and

her gun-rack was empty. When she had come home there had not been

There would be no Christmas tree

now! The beribboned packages lay in

a useless pile. Had school been in ses-

sion, she knew that the desks would

have been as empty as the gun-rack. The whole turtlelike life had drawn in

its head and the countryside lay as

On Anse Havey's book-shelves were

new volumes, for Juanita was feeding

his scant supply, and a softer type of

poetry was being added to his frugal

and stern repertoire. A number of

men left the mountains and went into

exile elsewhere. These were the wit-

nesses who must testify against Luke

Thixton and whose lives would not

have been worth a nickel had they

Then came Christmas day Itself.

bleak and soggy with the thaw that

had set in and the moody dreariness

of the sky. The sun seemed to have

despaired and made its course spirit-

dimly across its daily are.

and empty cheerlessness.

drowned in some ford."

ther route.

bleak hillsides.

. . .

only ground his teeth.

lessly from dawn to twilight, crawling

Brother Anse Talbott came over to

the school and found both women sit-

ting apathetically by an untrimmed fir

tree amid a litter of forgotten pack-

ages. The children of Tribulation

were having the sort of Christmas

they had always had-a day of terror

"Hit seems like a right smart pity

fer them children ter be plumb, tee-

totally disapp'inted," mused the old

preacher. "S'pose now ye put names

on them gewgaws an' let me jest

"You dear old saint!" cried Juanita,

suddenly roused out of her apathy.

"But you'll freeze to death an get

"Thet's all right," the preacher an

It took Good Anse Talbott three

days of battle with quicksand and

mire to finish that mission. At each

house he told them that Juanita Hol-

land had sent him, and the girl was

young, back in roadless coves and on

Every evening found Anse Havey

seated before Juanita's hearth, study-

ing the flicker of the firelight on her

face. Every detail of her expression

always known and worshiped.

became to him as something he had

Some day Malcolm would come back

-and marry her-and then-at that

point Bad Anse Havey refused to fol-

low his trend of thought further. He

"Ye damn fool," he told himself.

"That ain't no reason why ye shouldn't

She did not know, and he gave her

swered briefly. "I recken I kin go

sorter ride round an' scatter 'em.'

a single weapon there.

though besteged.

stayed at home.

Anse Havey was winner,

again next time."

hills,

tient shuffling of many feet.

Anse was very busy, but he found time to come to her that afternoon. in the bare little hotel lobby, the firelight glinted on many rifles as their owners lounged about the hearth.

And in Anse she saw once more the stern side. His face was unsmilling, and in his eyes was that expression and the only Republican elected, has which made her realize how inflexibly he would set about the accomplishment of the thing he had undertaken. Then, as he spoke to her, a

sudden softness came into his eyes. "God knows I'm sorry," he said, "that this thing broke just now. I State. Trouble started over this early didn't aim that ye should be no eye witness."

> Juanita smiled rather wanly. Old Milt, he told her, would soon be released. "We ain't even goin' to keep him in the jailhouse no longer than mornin'. We couldn't convict him an "Why was he arrested?" she saked

> blankly. "Just to keep him out of mischief overnight," he smiled. "Even the law can be used for strategy."

"What will happen when the Mc-Briars come back?" she demanded in a shaken voice.

He shook his head. "I can't hardly say," he replied.

But the next morning Anse Havey came again and cautioned the two women not to leave their rooms and not to keep their shutters open. All that day the town lay like a turtle, tight drawn into its shell. Streets were empty. Doss were locked and shructers barred. But toward evening, to the girl's bewilderment, she saw Haveys riding out of town instead of into it. Soon there were no more horses at the racks. By night the place which was to be assaulted tomorrow seemed to have been abandoned by its defenders.

Old Milt McBriar had ridden out in the morning, freed but wrathful, to meet the men who were hurrying in. The figure of Bad Anse Havey she saw often from her window, but for the most part the force of Haveys had evaporated. Then followed another wretched

night, and with forenoon the snowwrapped town settled down to the empty silence of a cemetery, but with early afternoon the new procession began to come in. A long and con-tinuous stream of McBriar horsemen. each armed to the teeth, rode past the hotel and went straight to the courthouse. Then she heard again the sound she had heard on her first night in the mountains, only now it came from a hundred throats.

It was the McBriar yell, and after it came a scattering of rife and pistol shots. The clan was going away again and shooting up the town as they went, but what had happened down there at the courthouse?

CHAPTER XXI.

Later she heard the story. The Mc-Briars had come expecting battle They had found every road open and the town deserted. For a time they had gone about looking for trouble. but found no one to oppose them Then Old Milt and his son had rid-

den to the courthouse to demand the keys of the jail. They found Judge Sidering sitting in the little office, and with him, quite unarmed and without escort, sat Bad Anse Havey. When the two McBriars, backed by a score of armed men, broke flercely into the room, others massed at their backs. crowding doorway and hall.

Judge Sidering greeted his visitors as though no intimation had ever reached him that they were coming with a grievance

"Come in, Milt, and have a chair,"

"Cheer, hell!" shouted Milt McBriar "Give me the keys ter that jailhouse, an' give 'em ter me quick!"

Opening the drawer of his desk as if he had been asked for a match. Judge Sidering took out the big iron key to the outer door and the smaller brass key to the little row of cells. He canonized afresh in hearts old and tossed the two across to Milt in a matter-of-fact fashion.

Five minutes later the McBriar chief was back trembling with rage. He had found the jail empty.

"If you're lookin' for Luke Thixton, Milt." said the judge calmly, "the high day for safe-keepin'."

The answer was a bellow of rage. Old Milt McBriar threw forward his

Anse looked up and spoke slowly: "I reckon it wouldn't profit ye much to harm us, Milt. We ain't armed, an' it would bring on a beap of trouble." Outside rose an angry chorus of make the most of today. She's right woices. The news that the jail was here now an she's sun an moon an empty had gone through the crowd.

For a time the McBriar stood there debating his next step. The town seemed at his mercy. Seemed! That word gave him pause. The way, home lay through Havey territory, which might mean twenty miles of solid ambush. Anse Havey set too guietly for Milit's case of mind. Was he bait. ing some fresh trap!

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